



Tennessee Crop Weather

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Week Ending October 23, 2011

GOOD WEEK FOR FARMING!

Fall harvest progress is right on target with the average rate thanks to five full days suitable for fieldwork last week. Grower’s also reported adequate rainfall to assist the emerging winter wheat and forage crops. Routine activities, other than harvest and seeding last week, included final application of cotton defoliant, preparing tobacco for sale, and marketing calves. Pastures continue in fair-to-good condition for this time of year.

There were 5 days suitable for fieldwork across the state. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 2 percent very short, 21 percent short, 73 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 4 percent very short, 31 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 1 percent surplus. Temperatures averaged about 2 to 6 degrees below normal across Tennessee last week. Rainfall averaged above normal in the East and Plateau Regions of Tennessee and below normal across the remainder of the state.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2010	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Harvested for Grain	95	91	100	94	Pastures	4	15	41	38	2
Cotton – Defoliated	100	93	100	97						
Cotton – Harvested	58	46	91	60						
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	96	89	100	98						
Soybeans – Harvested	54	42	88	60						
Tobacco – Burley Harvested	99	94	100	98						
Tobacco – Burley Stripped	21	13	10	22						
Winter Wheat – Seeded	48	33	37	33						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	17	5	5	9						

County Agent Comments

“Majority of farmers are fairly enthusiastic about crop yields and having approximately three weeks of ideal weather condition for harvest. Still areas in county with late planted corn and beans that are drying down and almost all cotton has been defoliated. Good frost last week will certainly aid in cotton defoliation. Still lots of soybeans and cotton acreages to be harvested in Mississippi bottom areas.”
J.C. Dupree, Jr., Lauderdale County

“The last of the cotton crop was defoliated Oct. 15th just ahead of deteriorating conditions. Time will tell if we did any good. Cotton yields have been improving over earlier harvested fields.”
Richard Buntin, Crockett County

“The farmers in Fayette County received some rain and cooler weather this week. Farmers were busy harvesting cotton and beans both before and after the rain. Some had to wait a day or two, but got back to work. Pastures, hayfields, wheat and winter grasses needed the small amount of rain we received.”
Jeffery D. Via, Fayette County

“Rainfall on Tuesday and Wednesday brought .5” to .75” of precipitation; enhancing wheat emergence. Combines were back in the field by Thursday afternoon. Producers are making good progress harvesting corn, soybeans and cotton, as well as seeding wheat.”
Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

“Corn harvest about wrapped up with yields fair to good. Pastures are looking fairly good due to fall rains. The county had 3 days of frost last week and two mornings of 32 degree temps.”
Kevin Rose, Giles County

“As of Oct. 21st, we have not had the freeze as predicted.”
Cynthia Zeitz, Jackson County

“Corn harvest is almost over. Yields appear to be average or slightly above. Soybean harvest is going well. Yields appear to be slightly below average but they are variable. Feeder cattle numbers going to market are slower than anticipated for the time of year.”
Richard Groce, Maury County

“Seasonable weather continues! Most areas saw a blanket of frost on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Farmers were busy harvesting soybeans and cotton and preparing ground and sowing wheat.”
Ed Burns, Franklin County

“Some wind and hail Tuesday, but no damage. Most corn still too high in moisture to combine.”
Scott Chadwell, Putnam County

“Mid-week rainfall averaged about 2 inches across the county. Although this slowed harvesting activity it was much needed for fall-seeding of crops.”
John Wilson, Blount County

“The light frost we had last week has caused many producers to watch where they pasture livestock. This is due to the presence of Johnson grass in pastures. Also the tomato crop has slowed due to low temperatures at night.”
Anthony Carver, Grainger County

“3 inches of rain this week has helped droughty conditions. Most beef producers are feeding hay. Several are buying or looking to buy hay. Some folks put hay up last week and never could get it cured.”
John Goddard, Loudon County

“Rain this week has improved topsoil moisture.”
Chris Ramsey, Sullivan County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
 For week ending: **October 23, 2011 (with comparisons)**

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending October 23, 2011				Current Week 10/23/11	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	87	30	55	-5	0.29	1	42.76	1.36	30.24	2.61
Brownsville_TN	86	33	54	-6	0.44	1	47.05	5.74	34.47	6.96
Covington	84	34	54	-6	0.30	2	47.49	6.96	35.80	8.95
Dyersburg	86	36	55	-6	0.34	2	40.33	0.85	27.16	0.50
Huntingdon_Wate	85	33	54	-4	0.35	2	47.89	5.49	33.58	4.94
Jackson_Exp_Stn	87	31	54	-5	0.44	2	46.67	5.32	34.83	6.76
Lexington_TN	86	33	55	-5	0.27	2	40.23	-0.11	28.70	1.55
Martin	85	34	54	-4	0.54	3	52.60	10.63	36.15	7.42
Memphis_AG	87	35	55	-7	0.38	1	46.51	6.14	34.89	8.01
Milan	85	32	54	-5	0.50	3	55.31	12.23	41.36	11.90
Paris	84	31	53	-3	0.55	3	55.33	13.83	39.34	11.35
Savannah_6SW	87	32	56	-5	0.25	3	46.96	2.38	32.42	3.30
Selmer	86	31	54	-4	0.51	1	45.38	1.51	33.05	4.42
Union_City	84	30	52	-6	0.44	3	49.71	8.68	34.54	6.69
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	78	34	53	-4	0.45	3	54.38	14.34	39.97	13.58
Cookeville	80	32	53	-4	1.06	2	56.57	11.07	40.10	9.63
Crossville_AP	78	31	53	-2	0.86	3	49.02	4.63	34.37	5.00
Dickson_AG	81	30	52	-7	0.33	2	44.70	2.01	29.53	0.85
Dover_1W	83	34	53	-4	0.68	3	54.78	13.04	38.19	10.35
Fayetteville_TN	84	31	56	-2	0.85	3	52.77	9.97	36.09	8.57
Jamestown	78	30	51	-4	1.43	3	57.22	13.01	39.57	9.20
Kingston_Spring	84	31	55	-2	0.21	3	42.61	1.41	29.52	2.29
Lawrenceburg_Fl	84	32	54	-3	0.32	2	47.45	3.12	33.57	5.06
Lewisburg	86	28	54	-3	0.23	2	51.50	7.75	36.24	7.07
Linden	84	33	54	-2	0.32	2	42.48	-1.20	29.64	0.95
Livingston_WLIV	81	33	53	-3	1.94	2	56.64	14.36	37.55	8.79
Murfreesboro_5N	83	32	55	-3	0.58	3	49.85	7.09	35.87	6.89
Nashville_Metro	84	34	56	-3	0.25	2	40.43	2.60	27.98	2.39
Oneida	79	27	52	-2	1.77	3	61.70	17.34	42.87	12.38
Portland_TN	82	33	54	-3	0.34	2	47.33	6.38	31.29	3.64
Pulaski_Water_P	84	31	54	-6	0.12	2	54.27	10.45	39.48	11.05
Shelbyville	83	33	54	-5	1.71	3	57.37	13.45	41.00	11.96
Sparta_TN	83	32	54	-3	1.19	2	55.32	11.23	39.64	10.12
Springfield	83	34	54	-3	0.22	2	47.02	7.64	32.75	6.24
Springhill	88	26	54	-3	0.14	2	39.35	-4.25	26.99	-2.00
Tulahoma	82	34	54	-5	1.42	2	49.71	4.64	35.68	6.58
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	85	37	57	-2	0.84	2	48.88	6.08	30.49	3.42
Cleveland_6NNE	83	34	53	-4	0.22	1	39.23	-4.72	24.80	-3.59
Dayton	83	35	55	-4	1.13	2	48.18	3.37	31.48	2.69
Erwin_1W	82	30	53	0	0.63	1	42.86	2.42	31.35	2.42
Gatlinburg_2SW	84	32	54	1	1.27	2	52.33	5.84	37.88	5.33
Greeneville	82	30	53	-2	0.99	3	38.88	3.49	28.26	3.56
Kingston_AG	82	37	56	2	2.33	2	50.13	3.46	33.68	3.09
Knoxville_AP	82	36	57	0	2.08	2	42.61	4.53	28.65	3.89
Newcomb	79	31	53	0	1.70	3	51.36	7.00	36.85	6.36
Norris_4NE	81	36	55	-1	2.81	2	53.72	11.35	37.17	8.69
Tri-City_RGNL_A	83	31	55	0	0.84	2	37.87	4.12	25.12	1.74

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.
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